From Dr. Thompson's Mail. Copy of Paper Received
April [illegible] 1912

Overture to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
in the United States of America.

Whereas, there seems to be a misunderstanding among many women in our churches as to the relation of the Woman's Boards and Societies towards the general benevolent scheme of our Church; and

Whereas, because of this misunderstanding, many women feel that they are doing their full duty towards our benevolences when they contribute towards their woman's Boards and Societies;

Therefore, in full appreciation of the noble work of our woman, we, the Presbytery of Madison, respectfully request the General Assembly to make clear to the Church that the Boards are the regular benevolent agencies of the Church for both men and women, and are always to be considered first in the making up of our church budgets or the giving of our missionary contributions; while the work of the Woman's Boards and Societies are partial and particular, caring only for the mission schools of the Church and constitutes an offering over and above the regular offerings of the church, not to be considered in any sense as releasing any one from contributing to the regular and main benevolent channels of our Church.

Adopted by Presbytery of Madison in regular session at Richland Center, Wisconsin, April 16, 1912, and ordered transmitted thru the Stated Clerk.

Attest (signed) ERNEST C. HENKE
Stated Clerk

Copy sent Assembly and
Sec'y Speer of the Board of Foreign Missions/

From Mr. Maddox's Mail. Copy of Letter Dated April 26th

One thing more. Our Madison Presbytery recently adopted an overture to the Assembly praying that august body to administer counsel and a scolding to the Women's Boards for recent tactics employed in this neck o' the woods. I doubt very much if the Women's Boards are the least bit to blame. Fancy it is a local movement. But should it spread to any considerable extent it would be serious. It is this - In several of our churches in this Presbytery the pastors have found the regular offerings for the Boards a good deal shrunk, while the offerings from the women to their boards very greatly increased. Then it was discovered that a propoganda eminating from no one knows where has been systematically advising all the women in our churches to quit giving to the "Men's Boards" and concentrating all their energies upon the "Women's Boards." In my own congregation this thing has cut into our regular budget to the extent of several hundred dollars, many of our former best supporters among the women are now no longer contributing anything to our regular mission budget, but are giving exclusively to the Women's Boards. Other churches are suffering in the same way.

So Presbytery prays the General Assembly to direct the Women's Boards to quit such unfortunate discrimination against the "Men's Boards." I have reasoned with some of our women about this thing, but they are quite sure that this is the idea at headquarters, and that the men should take care of their own affairs, leaving the women to do the same. Now I am sure that the sensible women at headquarters would oppose this thing vigorously if they knew anything about it.

Now I wish you would show this letter to Dr. Thompson and ask him to call the attention of the official women at headquarters to this matter and also when it comes up in the General Assembly's Committee on Bills and Overtures see that it gets attention. For should this idea spread it will seriously if not completely cripple the work of the Assembly's Boards. It is already a serious matter in Madison Presbytery and in my own parish.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) GEORGE E. HUNT

Present number of Vice-Presidents from synodical societies is indicated under "A"

Number of Vice-Presidents from synodical societies on basis of "For each one hundred auxiliary societies after the first one hundred an additional Vice-President may be nominated" is under "B"

	A	B
Baltimore	2	2
California	2	3
Illinois	3	4
Indiana	2	3
Iowa	2	3
Kansas	2	2
Michigan	2	2
Minnesota	2	2
Missouri	2	2
Nebraska	2	2
New Jersey	2	3
New York	5	7
North Pacific	6	2
Ohio	3	5
Pennsylvania	6	9
Texas	2	2
Tennessee	2	2
	47	55

Synodical societies having one hundred societies or less

Alabama	13
Arkansas	30
Atlantic	21
Colorado	76
Catawba	32
Kentucky	65
Mississippi	25
Montana	18
North Dakota	62
Oklahoma	78
South Dakota	40
West Virginia	39
Wisconsin	69
Arizona	10
New Mexico	12
Utah	18
New England	40

17 societies

1912

1. No new synodical society to be organized with less than fifteen women's auxiliary societies.

11. The president of each synodical society is a Vice-President of the Woman's Board. For each one hundred women's auxiliary societies after the first one hundred, an additional Vice-President may be nominated.

The number of Vice-Presidents now is seventy-six, including a second Vice-President from New Jersey. If no change in representation is made, Arizona, New Mexico and New England will each have two Vice-Presidents (two of this number are included in the above seventy-six) making a net total of eighty Vice-Presidents.

If the suggestion is adopted to have one Vice-President in synodical societies of one hundred or less women's auxiliary societies, there would then be sixty-four Vice-Presidents. This would count the three synods, Oregon, Washington and Idaho as one organization, listed as North Pacific Board, having one hundred and seventy-two societies and so entitled to two Vice-Presidents.

If the ratio of representation for additional Vice-Presidents is lowered from one hundred and fifty women's auxiliary societies to one hundred women's auxiliary societies, as suggested above in the last sentence of Article 11, there would be seventy-four Vice-Presidents, but as this increased representation would largely be in the synods in the immediate vicinity of New York, it would be possible to secure efficient women for these positions of honor and responsibility and would greatly strengthen the work.

It is ridiculous that New Jersey should have the same representation as Alabama or Arizona, and yet according to present indications it would be a long time before New Jersey could organize enough women's auxiliary societies to entitle her to a third Vice-President. There are two hundred and fifty-one women's auxiliaries and under present ratio it would be necessary to organize forty-nine more women's societies, and there is hardly a field for this increase in New Jersey Synodical Society when the large number of churches among foreigners is considered.

COPY.

May 7th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Shriver:-

Your letter received yesterday and I have read it over carefully. I am glad to know that our enterprise is coming on so well and I do hope that this most necessary work of the church may receive the impetus that it needs.

Our Presbytery meets on the 4th Monday of September--the 23rd. On the 1st and 2nd, or 2nd and 3rd, the Women's Presbyterial meeting is held. The Place for the Presbytery is not set, that will probably be determined in the June meeting, the 10th.

The Woman's Meeting is appointed at Connellsville. Now if we could in some way combine the Conference and the Woman's Meeting, would it not be a fine thing for the whole scheme--I have talked with two or three of the women who are on the committees--President of the Home and of the Foreign departments and they seem to think it would be a fine thing. It would get a hearing from the women that would not otherwise be given, and they mean a great deal and while they are attending to their routine business other things might be done in the Conference.

Meetings might be arranged both for Uniontown and Connellsville if that was thought wise, that we might reach both places. The street cars and R.R. connect them, they are about 12 miles apart. Now that might not be feasible, but if we could reach the people of the Presbyterian Churches in both places it might be an advantage.

However, some kind of a combination with the Woman's Presbyterial meeting at the same time might be an advantage that it would pay well to use. We could not otherwise get an attendance on the part of the women, and in this way we would have an extra fine attendance.

We might hold the Conference in Uniontown and help out the women or hold the Conference at Connellsville at the same time, part of the meetings in another church. If you think the idea worth while, let me know, at any rate we have a conjunction in days with the Presbyterial and we may be able to make it count.

We can take the matter of Conference up at the June Presbytery meeting. And will have until that time to think it over and arrange for things.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Kinley McMillan,
1511 Carnegie Ave.
McKeesport, Pa.

New Plan for Apportionments

A plan was submitted to the Executive Session of the Annual Meeting, fully discussed, amended and unanimously adopted as follows:-

1st That apportionments include the total amount expected from a synodical society for the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and also for the Freedmen's Department ofthe Woman's Board.

2nd That apportionments be sent to synodical societies from the New York Office in January.

3rd That synodical societies hold executive sessions the last week in January, and pass upon the apportionment previously submitted by the Woman's Board.

4th The apportionment shall consist of:-
First: A statement of amounts received by the Woman's Board for the year ended the previous March from women's societies, bands, young people's societies and Sunday Schools, grouped presbyterially for the support of the current national work of the Woman's Board; also a similar statement of funds received by the Freedmen's Department.

Second: A statement of the objects to which these amounts are to be applied for the coming year; also a similar statement of the objects of the Freedmen's Department. Upon these statements, the Synodical Executive Committee shall base their apportionments for the coming year, adding a reasonable advance upon regular work which the Woman's Board will indicate synodically. The Synodical Executive Committee is to apportion this amount according to its best judgment to its presbyterial societies. The Synodical Secretary shall report detailed presbyterial apportionments at once to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board. Funds for buildings and other special gifts shall be stated as for that year only.

5th Synodical officers are to submit proposed apportionments of each presbyterial society to the presbyterial president and treasurer in time for consideration at the Presbyterial Executive Meeting before the beginning of the fiscal year.

6th The February Home Mission Monthly shall contain an announcement that the apportionment has been sent to synodical officers to be forwarded to their presbyterial officers.

Adopted Annual Meeting of Woman's Board
of Home Missions-

Louisville, Kentucky,

May 16, 1912.

Scholarships

Permanent

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The School Department
156 Fifth Avenue
New York
Marshall C. Allaben, A. B. Superintendent

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

October 8, 1912.

W. B. H. M.

SCHOLARSHIPS AS MEMORIALS.

The Board is often asked to suggest suitable memorials for small sums from $1,000. to $10,000., and so often are these accompanied by the statement that a building is desired that the writer is constrained to make a humble plea for the consideration of another kind of memorial, not made of wood or stone but created of flesh and blood, and endowed with a never dying soul, - the life of a boy of girl whose sole equipment for Christian service may be dependent upon the establishment of a memorial.

~~First~~ Let us consider briefly the qualities most to be desired in our memorials:

1st I should place utility. Let us bear in mind, here, that we are considering memorials and not monuments. Monuments often do not possess utility in any practical sense, but it is taken for granted that utility is a sine qua non in the memorials of the Woman's Board.

2nd. In order to be a memorial in the proper sense of the term the object should possess permanency in addition to utility.

3rd. It should be appropriate.

To recapitulate, then, our ideal memorial ~~should~~ would be useful, permanent and appropriate; and here I should add that in view of the constantly arising necessity of changing our work from one field ~~of labor~~ to another, a memorial should be transferable. There is only one kind of memorial that will fulfill all these conditions, and that is

scholarships. Their utility cannot be questioned, their permanency is assured, they are appropriate for every purpose, and they may be transferred at any time with unimpaired value to any chosen field. They can be assigned to the school, station or field desired by the donors, and when no longer needed where assigned can be utilized wherever the Board (or the donors if still living) may deem best. Many buildings erected by the Board in various isolated communities have, owing to the exigencies of the work, had to be sold or in some cases even abandoned. Scholarships are never subject to these conditions. It is true that every memorial building represents an investment in Christian betterment, but scholarships possess the great advantage of exhibiting tangible results in the lives of the individual beneficiaries which can easily be checked up and tabulated for intelligent consideration.

As to our need, I think there can be no question that the scholarship will do more to advance the work under the changing conditions than the small building. The pressing need for the latter has passed, the demand for the scholarship is always insistent. Then, too, a scholarship is divisible, a small building cannot easily be broken up into several memorials. The cost of a full scholarship to-day is $2,500., but scholarships can be founded in any amounts desired, and the interest applied as ~~desired~~ specified by the donor. One thousand full scholarships should be founded within the next five years to insure the ~~permanency of~~ needed advance the work of the Woman's Board. May we not hope for two hundred of that number this fiscal year?

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

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The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

At a regular meeting of the Woman's Board, held Tuesday, May 5, 1914, it was voted that the following resolution be submitted to the Annual Meeting for discussion:

WHEREAS:

First. The field of the labors of the Woman's Board has not been carefully defined during recent years and

Second. The Woman's Board is continually receiving appeals for the opening of work in various localities,

Third. It is manifestly to the interest of the Church that a clear understanding be had of the territorial restrictions of the Board's work, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That the Woman's Board make the following declaration:

First. The Board is a national missionary organization created to do a national work, and as such is limited in its activities to the consideration of national problems.

Second. It shall be its policy to establish no new work, except among Indians and immigrant populations, in states which by reason of their financial resources, educational development and Christian advantages may reasonably be expected to respond effectively to their educational needs.

Mrs. Bennett.

In accordance with the action of the Women's Board referring to the officers the matter of working out the details in regard to the future disposition of legacies, the office conference begs leave to submit the following recommendations:-

BUDGET NOT BASED ON LEGACIES

1. That beginning April 1st, 1915, the regular budget for current work shall not be based on receipts from Legacies.

LEGACIES UNDESIGNATED

2. That a special fund to be known as the "LEGACY RESERVE FUND" shall be created in which all legacies undesignated shall be placed.

LEGACIES DESIGNATED

3. That legacies designated for a particular field or station shall be placed in the "LEGACY RESERVE FUND" herein referred to until needed, the field or station for which they are to be used to be clearly recorded when the amounts are set aside.

Should a legacy be designated for a special building, it shall be entered in a building fund to the credit of the school or station named in the bequest.

DISPOSITION OF LEGACY RESERVE FUND

4. That all legacies placed in said "Legacy Reserve Fund" shall be available on vote of the Womnn's Board for buildings, repairs and improvements, special equipment, the purchase of land, the Emergency Fund, and in case of absolute need for deficits on current work under the budget.

LEGACIES DESIGNATED FOR PERMANENT FUND

5. That all legacies which by the terms of the Will must be invested, and the income only used as dictated in the Will, shall be placed in the Permanent Fund of the Womnn's Board.

[redacted]

6. That these recommendations go into effect immediately.

I Presented by Committee & Joint Affair Conference on April 1-1915, and referred back for rewording after general approval.

March 30, 1915.

In view of the difficulty attending the prosecution of missionary interests in Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools, owing to the various policies followed by different Boards of the church, it is recommended that as Home Mission Boards we unite in the policy governing the Board of Foreign Missions and the six women's Boards of Foreign Missions in connection with the missionary education and gifts of the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

The following statistical report has been prepared by Mr. Olin.

Received from Sunday Schools during the past five years for the Board of Home Missions:

	S.S. Regular	Bldgs. and Specials
1910	$18,270.49	$ 511.99
1911	17,648.45	411.95
1912	16,504.56	119.75
1913	17,014.23	407.24
1914	13,903.02	156.59

Received from Young People's Societies:

	Y.P. Regular	Bldgs. and Specials
1910	$ 8,095.40	$ 215.80
1911	8,071.65	70.00
1912	7,623.26	82.70
1913	7,840.64	104.50
1914	8,790.69	425.77

Miss Fish has prepared the following comprehensive statement:

Receipts from Young People for five years.

Year	Board of Home Missions	Woman's Board	Total	Paid to Board of H.M.
1909-10	$8,215.41	$23,180.97	$31,396.38	$7,482.80
1910-11	8,062.65	22,893.31	30,955.96	7,406.33
1911-12	7,623.26	21,694.34	29,317.60	7,035.54
1912-13	7,840.64	19,646.18	27,486.82	5,902.77
1913-14	8,790.69	18,646.23	27,436.92	4,927.77
Totals	$ 40,532.65	$ 106,061.03	$ 146,593.68	$32,755.21

Total receipts for Woman's Board	$106,061.03
Transferred to Board of Home Missions	32,755.21
Available for work of Woman's Board	$ 73,305.82
Average for one year " "	14,661.16

Receipts from Sabbath Schools for five years.

Year	Board of Home Missions	Woman's Board	Total	Transfer to Board of H.M.
1909-10	$18,410,75	$32,064.86	$50,475.61	$6,827.05
1910-11	17,597.45	31,366.82	48,964.27	6,833.68
1911-12	16,504.56	32,908.02	49,412.58	8,201.73
1912-13	17,014.23	32,856.99	49,871.22	7,921.38
1913-14	13,903.02	31,394.46	45,297.48	8,745.72
Totals	$ 83,430.01	$ 160,591.15	$ 244,021.16	$ 38,529.56

Total receipts for Woman's Board	$160,591.15
Transferred to Board of Home Missions	38,529.56
Available for work of Woman's Board	$122,061.59
Average for one year " "	24,412.32

Receipts from Sabbath Schools and Young People for five years.

	Board of Home Missions	Woman's Board	Total	Paid Board of Home Missions
Sabbath Schools	$83,430.01	$160,591.15	$244,021.16	$38,529.56
Y.P. andY.P.S.C.E.	40,532.65	106,061.03	146,593.68	32,755.21
	$123,962.66	$266,652.18	$390,614.84	$71,284.77

Available for work of Woman's Board $195,367.41

Average for one year " " 39,073.48

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED

First: That the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions adopt the policy followed by the Board of Foreign Missions and the six Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, whereby the Board of Home Missions shall become responsible for the education of Sunday Schools along the line of Home Missions, and shall solicit gifts from said Sunday Schools for the furtherance of its work as a Board.

Second: That the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall become responsible for the education of Young People's Societies, - including Senior, Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor organizations, - along the line of Home Missions, and shall solicit gifts from said Young People's organizations for the furtherance of its work as a Board.

Third: It has been the custom to divide equally between the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions all gifts from Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies (where said societies have been composed of young men and women), and by such arrangement Sunday Schools and Young people's Societies have been under the care of a Young People's Department, and a large interest worked up on the part of both Sunday Schools and Young People in the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and of the Board of Home Missions, ~~Therefore it is recommended:~~

That there shall no longer be the division of funds from Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies between the Board and Woman's Board. That the Board

of Home Missions shall be responsible for maintaining the interest and gifts from Sunday Schools for Home Missions, and that the Woman's Board shall be responsible for maintaining the interest and gifts from Young People's Societies for Home Missions.

Fourth: That in view of the fact that a large interest in scholarships under the Woman's Board has been aroused during the past years, whereby annual pledges to the extent of about $16,000. have been secured from Sunday Schools, ~~that~~ a list of said scholarship pledges be handed to the Board of Home Missions, that they explain to the holders thereof the policy adopted by the Boards herein concerned, and endeavor to enlist the interest of said Sunday Schools in the work committed to the Board of Home Missions; and that the Woman's Board communicate likewise with the Sunday Schools in question explaining the policy as above outlined, with a statement to the effect that they will be approached by the Board of Home Missions for a change of Home Mission objects. This recommendation to cover present pledge only: all Sunday Schools requesting new work to be asked to take the matter up with the Board of Home Missions.

Fifth: That if after careful explanation and solicitation on the part of the Board of Home Missions a Sunday School shall insist upon continuing its interest in a scholarship of long year's standing, it shall not be considered a breach of policy if the Woman's Board shall accept such scholarship money, it being conceded that any organization has the final right to act concerning the distribution of its gifts.

Sixth: That the same facts contained in Paragraphs fourth and fifth relating to Sunday Schools apply in like manner to Young People's Societies: i.e. organizations composed of boys and girls, and young men and women, - with reference to the Woman's Board.

Seventh: That each Board shall work out its own details for the conduct of the respective departments herein referred to.

Eighth: We would also recommend that the Board of Home Missions ask the General Assembly for the offerings from Sunday Schools on Thanksgiving Sunday and the Sabbath nearest Washington's Birthday.

Ninth: We would also recommend that the Board of Home Missions request the Freedmen's Board to fall in line with the Board of Home and Foreign Missions in the matter of Sunday School gifts, The Woman's Board acting as treasurer for the Women's department of the Board for Freedmen should not handle their Sunday School funds.

Tenth: That these recommendations shall go into effect on April 1st,1915.

Josephine Petrie

John Dixon

Policy

A paper approved by the Joint Conference of the officers of the Home Board and the Woman's Board and respectfully submitted to these two Boards.

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March 30, 1915

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(1) Funds from Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies shall no longer be divided between the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's

Board of Home Missions,

(2) Each Board shall work out the details of administration necessary for the fulfillment of its responsibility for the carrying out of the policy outlined in the first recommendation.

Third: THAT a joint preliminary announcement be prepared and sent to officials in synods, presbyteries, synodical and presbyterial societies.

Fourth: THAT, in view of the fact that a large interest in scholarships under the Woman's Board has been aroused during the past years, whereby annual pledges to the extent of about $16,000. have been secured from Sunday Schools,

(1) A list of said scholarship pledges be given the Board of Home Missions in order that the new policy may be explained and an endeavor made to enlist the interest of said Sunday Schools in the work committed to the Board of Home Missions; and that the Woman's Board communicate likewise with the Sunday Schools in question explaining the new policy and that they will be approached by the Board of Home Missions for a change of Home Mission objects:

(2) This recommendation be understood to cover present pledges only:

(3) Future requests from Sunday Schools for home mission objects be referred to the Board of Home Missions.

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Eighth: THAT the Board of Home Missions suggest to the Freedmen's Board that they fall in line with the Board of Home and Foreign Missions in the matter of Sunday School gifts.

Ninth: THAT these recommendations shall be considered as effective from April 1st, 1915.

Mrs. Bennett -

Resolutions
Jewish Office Conference.
Spring - 1915.
April 1/7/1915.

1. That Miss Petrie be asked to care for the interests of both Boards now in her charge until definite plans are worked out by each Board; the support of her office being continued as at present.

2. That money received by either Board be referred to Miss Petrie for designation of credit as determined by her records; that money undesignated be referred to the proper Board as determined by the plan adopted today.

3. That each Board be urged to hasten its arrangements for carrying out the plans adopted at its forthcoming meeting.

4. That in carrying out these plans it is our judgment that arrangement should be made for the conduct of the work under separate organizations.

Policy

B. M. F.

E. G. L.

Woman's Board of Home Missions
OF THE
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155 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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Office of the Secretary for Young People's Work

February 10, 1916.

MEMORANDUM-

The questions asked and information received at the Philadelphia and Philadelphia North meetings:

1. Mrs. Geil's letter as synodical president to the presbyterial presidents gave the basis of membership as acted upon at the Chicago conference. The recommendations, or actions, were in quotation marks as the exact wording of the conference. I explained to Mrs. Stout that the various Boards had not so accepted the recommendations, that Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Berry had not been able to report to even our Woman's Board the action as it is to go down in history.

2. A great misunderstanding in regard to Sunday School gifts. The women all understood that they were not allowed to accept or even recommend a dollar from Sunday Schools for the women's work. A number of scholarships have been given up and other shares in the Woman's Board work, but no one knew what had become of the funds. Some of them thought they had been turned into the Foreign Board treasury. Mrs. Roberts, chairman of the Italian work for Philadelphia North, said it threatened a loss of $1500. for their work among foreigners, but some Sunday Schools were persistent and she had told them to go on and give their money for this work.

MJP/s.

Minutes of Joint Office Conference.

Friday, March 10th, 1916.

Present:- **Board of Home Missions:**

Dr. Dixon,
Mr. Mc Afee,
Mr. Olin,
Dr. Moffett,

Woman's Board of Home Missions:

Mrs. Bennett,
Miss Long,
Miss Fish,
Mrs. Gildersleeve,
Miss Petrie,
Mr. Allaben.

Upon motion Mrs. Bennett was elected Chairman of the Conference and Miss Fish Secretary, after which Mr. McAfee was called upon to lead in prayer.

CHICAGO CONFERENCE

For information, the Chairman reported one important result of the Chicago Conference of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Boards, namely: the constituting of the Woman's North Pacific Presbyterian Board of Missions as a Foreign Mission Board only, thus releasing the synods of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to the Woman's Board of Home Missions to be organized synodically as auxiliaries of the Woman's Board for Home Mission work.

EXHIBIT SPACE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ATLANTIC CITY

Mr. Olin presented a blue print sketch of the space "on the pier" at Atlantic City, allotted for exhibits of the various Boardsof the Church during the sessions of General Assembly in May, said space having been apportioned in the form of units consisting of booths 20 X20 feet, by the committee appointed for the purpose, of which committee Dr. Gaston of the Freedmen's Board is chairman, and Mr. Olin a member. Mr. Olin explained the plan decided upon by the Committee

for the arrangement of the room, showing two units granted to the Board of Foreign Missions, and the same amount of space to the Board of Home Missions, while all other Boards, including the Woman's Board of Home Missions, have been granted one unit each.

AGREEMENT FOR DIVISION OF WORK OF THE TWO BOARDS

The Chairman then brought before the conference for discussion the Agreement entered into in 1913 by the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which Agreement was duly adopted by the Home Board on February 13th, 1913, and by the Woman's Board on February 4th, 1913.

While it was recognized that all paragraphs concerning the working relations of the two Boards in the office were made null and void by the re-organization of the Woman's Board under incorporation, it was felt that the plan of work on the mission field had not been affected by reason of said incorporation, and that therefore the re-affirmation of the paragraphs relating to the mission field might be recommended to both Boards after conference by the officers.

Mrs. Bennett called attention to the fact, which in the past was the cause of seeking an agreement between the two Boards, that much confusion has arisen because of appeals for scholarships in schools, and for medical work by both Boards, and referred to the following specific appeals made by the Board of Home Missions in the January issue of the "Assembly Herald":-

CUBA:

Missionary Schools.....$5,000

PORTO RICO:

Polytechnic Institute, San German.....$20,000 to equip and maintain. Here one hundred choice Porto Rican boys and girls are receiving both a religious education and vocational training. The most important adjunct to missionary work of all denominations on the island.

FRENCH BOARD PRESBYTERY:

Presbyterian Mountain Hospital at White Rock, where Dr. George H. Packard is the only licensed physician within 20 miles.
For building.....$10,000
For equipment..... 5,000
For two nurses and supplies for one year. 2,500

While it was conceded at the time of the agreement that changes could not be made immediately in all work then established, it has been the understanding of the Woman's Board, and this was ratified by the officers of the Home Board in conference, that all proposed new work should be considered a subject for discussion by the two Boards under the agreement herein referred to. At this point attention was called to the medical project recently launched by the officers of the Board of Home Missions, namely: the solicitation of funds for a hospital building at White Rock, North Carolina. The matter of the present medical work at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, was considred as an illustration of past conditions.

After a full discussion of the situation, in which it was brought out that circumstances over which the Boards have no control might prevent the carrying out of the policy in places where work has already been established, it was the opinion of the conference that the policy should be re-affirmed and carried out in the future. Therefore the following vote was taken:-

"MOVED AND CARRIED THAT THIS OFFICE CONFERENCE JOINTLY RE-AFFIRM PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 OF THE POLICY OF FEBRUARY 1913, AS FOLLOWS:-

1...The general work of Home Missions includes, respectively the work of evangelization and the work of schools and hospitals.

11...The Home Board shall carry on all the work of evangelization, aiding and maintaining Churches and out-stations, including such Bible training work as may be necessary to supply such Churches and out-stations with properly qualified ministers and helpers; also such community work as is done by Bible readers, district nurses or trained workers of any kind whose efforts are of necessity correlated to the work of the pastor and whose work should be under his guidance.

111/..The Woman's Board shall conduct all school work (except that noted in Article 11) and all hospital work wherever located, and medical work wherever located, except as done by district nurses serving as pastor's assistants. The adjustment of the work as required in Article 11 and 111 shall be made as rapidly as conditions will permit.

AND THAT A COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE OTHER ARTICLES AND INTRODUCTION AS THEY NOW STAND".

Dr. Dixon was appointed for the Home Board, and Mrs. Bennett given power to appoint the member of said committee for the Woman's Board.

WORKING OUT OF POLICY IN PORTO RICO

The fact that Mr. Mc Afee would sail for Porto Rico the following day led to a discussion of the carrying out of the policy in that field. A discussion as to the cost of operating the following stations and the kind of work being performed by each was then entered into at length:-

Polytechnic Institute, San German, P.R.(Board of Home Missions),
Rye Hospital, Mayaguez, P.R., " " " "
Aguadilla Mission, Aguadilla, P.R. (Woman's Board)
Marina Mission, Mayaguez, P.R. " "

The discussion in regard to the Polytechnic Institute led to the conclusion that the work at this station would without doubt be strengthened and conducted along much more efficient lines, bring better results and better meet the need of the Porto Rican young people should it be maintained interdenominationally. It was stated by Mr. Mc Afee and Mr. Allaben who had attended the Panama Conference that the time has come for inter-denominational co-operation in Cuba and Porto Rico, expecially in boarding school work.

Should this come to pass in regard to the work at San German the question would arise as to whether the Board of Home Missions or the Woman's Board would be the organization responsible for the budget assigned to presbyteries. It was stated that in case each denomination was to give from its treasury a stated sum and make the direct appeal to the Church therefor, it would seem as though the Woman's Board as a mission school agency of the Church would be the responsible party. If, however, an interdenominational Board of Trustees should be made responsible for the support, then the question might arise as to whether, as the appeal would be made to the Church body, the Board of Home Missions would not become the affiliated group.

It was the final conclusion, however, to let the matter of responsibility for the Polytechnic Institute rest until the question of an interdenominational school at San German shall be settled.

TRANSFER MAYAGUEZ HOSPITAL -- AGUADILLA AND MARINA MISSIONS

The matter of the other three fields in Porto Rico was then taken up for adjustment. After a discussion as to the settlement of financial matters with the Church at Rye, New York, and the organizations responsible for the Aguadilla and Marina Missions, the following vote was taken:-

"MOVED AND CARRIED THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE AGUADILLA AND MARINA MISSION WORK THE WOMAN'S BOARD RECEIVE FROM THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS THE RYE HOSPITAL AT MAYAGUEZ, PORTO RICO, THE PROPERTY INTERESTS TO BE SETTLED BY ADJUDICATION BETWEEN THE FINANCE COMMITTEES OF THE TWO BOARDS."

HOSPITAL WHITE ROCK NORTH CAROLINA.

The Chairman stated that it seemed to the Woman's Board that the Home Board had directly set aside the agreement in regard to the establishment of new work by making an appeal for funds for a hospital building at White Rock, North Carolina; that if the plan the Boards are endeavoring to carry out is not a workable plan, then it is for the Boards to cancel it. She further stated that it is the desire of the Woman's Board to preserve the credit of the Church in all the Home Mission work, and it is felt this can not be done if the agreement is not conformed to.

During the discussion of the matter it was brought out by Mr. Mc Afee and Mr. Olin that it has been the policy of the Board of Home Missions in the past to meet needs in mission fields even to the extent of conducting work assigned to the College Board when that Board was

not in a position to assume such work, and to erect manses and chapels when the Board of Church Erection had been approached without avail. It was conceded that some other arrangements might be made should the Woman's Board at any time feel unable financially or otherwise to consider propositions, but in the case of the hospital at White Rock the matter was launched without consultation with the Woman's Board under the agreement. It was then stated by the officers of the Home Board that the matter of the erection of a hospital at White Rock in memory of Miss Anna B. Taft was more or less a personal matter with Dr. Wilson and had not been presented to the Board of Home Missions for action. It was the expression of the officers of the Home Board that it is their desire to live up to the agreement for division of work entered into between the two Boards, and re-affirmed at this conference . Mrs. Bennett explained the difficulty of making the constituency at large understand the reason for two Boards of Missions doing exactly the same kind of work.

The hour being late it was moved and carried that the conference adjourn to meet on Wednesday, March 22nd, 1916, at 10:30 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary.

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HARVEY C. OLIN, TREASURER

MOSES BREEZE, D. D.,
SPECIAL FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE

March 11, 1916.

Dear Friend:

As yet we have not received the Patriotic Offering expected from your Sunday school in connection with the Washington's Birthday program, furnished by this Board. Our books close on March 31st, and we are anxious to include in our annual report the home mission contributions of your Sunday school. We shall appreciate your co-operation in having your offering reach us on or before March 31st.

If your Patriotic Offering was sent to the presbyterial treasurer or to the treasurer of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or to the Treasurer of any other Board, will you kindly instruct them to turn it over to our treasury.

In case the programs were paid for at the time your order was sent in, or in case you explained at the time that you wished to use the program but could not take a special offering, please pay no attention to this letter. We keep a record of all orders by presbyteries, but because of the pressure of work are unable at the time to make annotations in connection with individual orders.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this matter,

Sincerely yours,

H. C. Olin

Treasurer.

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March 14, 1916.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:

According to the motion made at the joint office conference last week you were appointed the representative of the Home Board to re-word the policy of the work agreed upon by the two Boards in February of 1913 and I was to appoint some one to act with you.

In view of the discussion that later developed in the joint office conference, and in view of the fact that we are to have another conference next week, would it not seem better to let this matter stand until after the next conference? I should feel that at present we would be most uncertain as to the best steps to take. I also feel that the whole question of the adjudication of the work of the Aguadilla and Marina missions on the one side, and the Rye Hospital on the other, would also better wait for the further conference that we are to have.

Very sincerely,

B/D

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Office of the Secretary for Young People's Work

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MEMORANDUM - OFFICERS:

Two things we should all know:

I. The young people's secretary of Montana is perfectly discouraged because of the lack of response on the part of the women and their interest in the young people to the extent of having them send their money through the right officer. She also says: "Then, the Church Boards have side-tracked most of the young people's money this year. For instance, Dr. Kearns of the Home Board occupied the pulpit on Sunday. At my invitation he spoke to the Christian Endeavor Society, said we did no Home Mission work in Montana except that little school at Wolf Point, which didn't count. They were his exact words. Then he proceeded to appeal for the Lumber Jack work, asking our C.E's. to give their money for that. It is so unfair. The work is hard enough anyway ..... He has every scrap of my fighting blood up and I am determined to win out if I have to do it alone.... I feel that you have not apportioned us a large enough amount ($175.) and have raised it to $250., with the same amount for Foreign."

II. This comes from Dayton Presbyterial, Ohio: "It is mighty hard work to keep our young people's societies loyal to their own church. Several Light Bearers have disbanded and some have reorganized as Circles. Our largest Little Light Bearers are not on your list or mine this year because the women used their money to help out on their apportionment.

March 16, 1916.
MJP/s.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Memorandum for Miss Fish:

From Highland Presbyterial, Kansas: "If a pastor insists on sending C. E. money through the Assembly's Board what can we do? One of our societies has been giving through the Woman's Board for years. A new pastor suggested a larger pledge and that it should be for a Chinese worker, and that the money go to the Assembly's Board. This takes all the Home Mission gift as well as the Foreign and the C. E. president feels very badly about it. Can our Presbyterial Society do anything? There are seven new ministers in our presbytery and several of them are not interested in the young people."

March 17, 1916.
MJP/s.

Permanent Policy

Date January 23, 1917.

Station .....

Party .....

In re Appointment of Workers. The School Committee recommends that with the exception of workers assigned to Cuba, Porto Rico and Alaska, ordinary appointments be made for one year without commission with the understanding that if the appointment proves satisfactory both to the appointee and the Board, commission will be issued for an indefinite period of service beginning with the second year. The arrangement regarding traveling expenses would be the same as designated in the Terms of Commission now in vogue.

APPROVED BY
WOMAN'S BOARD
DATE Jan 23, 1917

Approved by Woman's Board

Date 191

..... Secretary

Authorized Date of Grant } 191

Amount .....

Approved .....
Clerk of the Board